Nature Quest
BIRDS

Go on a Nature Quest to see which birds you can find around your neighborhood!

Kit contains:

- **Bird dial template**
- **Brass fastener**

You will need: **scissors and a sharp pencil, thumbtack, or nail.**

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INSTRUCTIONS

(1) Assemble your Bird Identifier using the directions on the template.

(2) Can you find all eight birds outside around your neighborhood? When you see them, act like a scientist and **observe** (watch and listen closely). What are they doing? How do they sound? What other things do you notice?

Try This! Make a Bird Feeder

If you want to attract many birds to your yard, you can make a simple bird feeder!

Shape a pipe cleaner/chenille stick into a circle or other shape. String Cheerios on it and hang it on a tree.

More easy bird feeder ideas here: https://happyhooligans.ca/32-homemade-bird-feeders/

Cardinal: The picture on your Bird Identifier is male cardinal. Female cardinals look similar, but are mostly brown.

Crow: Crows are one of the smartest animals—they make tools, remember people's faces and can even bring "gifts" to people who feed them!

Canadian Goose: You may see these geese flying in a V shape. They work together so they don't get tired flying over long distances.

House Finch: Like the cardinal, the picture on your Bird Identifier is male house finch. Female house finches look similar, but are all brown.

Red-Bellied Woodpecker: You may hear this bird before you see it! Listen for it tapping on a tree. They make little holes with their beaks to get at insects living in the tree bark.

American Robin: Robins are *migratory* birds, which means they live different places at different times of the year. They live around Chicago from spring to fall, then fly south to warmer weather for the winter.

Mourning Dove: Mourning doves got their name because their song sounds sad (mourning is another word for being sad). You can hear it and more bird calls here: https://www.bird-sounds.net/

Sparrow: Sparrows live in groups with several families living together to make a community that works together for protection, to find food, etc.

Books to Learn More

- *Mama Built a Little Nest* by Jennifer Ward
- *Bird Singing, Bird Winging* by Marilyn Singer
- *Our Yard Is Full of Birds* by Ann Rockwell
- *Superlative Birds* by Leslie Bulion
- *Birds* by Pamela Dell
- *Hooray for Birds!* by Lucy Cousins
- *Beautiful Birds* by Jean Roussen